

## STATE RETAILERS MEET THIS WEEK

Annual Convention of Merchants' Association Will Be Held in Petersburg.

### AN IMPORTANT MEETING

Matters of Legislation Will Be Discussed at the Two Sessions.

Times-Dispatch Bureau.  
100 North Sycamore Street,  
Petersburg, Va., July 17.  
The annual convention of the Retail Merchants' Association of Virginia, Incorporated, will meet in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce Building on next Wednesday. The convention is a delegated body composed of local associations in the various cities and towns of the State. Mr. Umstatter, of Norfolk, is president of the association, and William A. Clarke, Jr., secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association of Richmond, is the secretary. One of the most important matters considered at these annual gatherings is State legislation affecting the retail business.

Indications up to this time point to the largest convention of this association in its history. The convention is held with the Retail Merchants' Association of Petersburg, but the merchants of the city, regardless of their membership in the local association, have been asked to co-operate in entertaining the convention, and have responded admirably. They will find it of interest to attend the sessions of the body. There will be two sessions of the body—one in the morning and one in the afternoon of the 21st. At night the retail merchants of Petersburg will entertain the delegates to the convention at a banquet at the Stratford Hotel, which will be turned into an informal session of the convention for a general discussion for the good of the order. The work of the committees appointed by the local association to make arrangements for the convention is progressing with great success and satisfaction.

**Death of Major Jefferson.**  
Major Jefferson, a respected citizen, died this morning at his residence on West High Street, after an illness of several weeks. He is survived by his wife and several children, as follows: William W. James, Jr., John T. George, W. and Louis C. Jefferson, and Mrs. S. K. Hobeck and Mrs. W. F. Felts, Jr., all of this city. Deceased was a consistent member of West Street M. E. Church, from which his funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

**After Eighteen Years.**  
David Gellman, a merchant of this city, will leave to-morrow for New York, where he is to meet his mother, who is coming from Russia to visit her sons in Petersburg. Mr. Gellman has not seen his mother since he left his Russian home, eighteen years ago. Thomas A. Smothers, aged thirty-seven years, who committed suicide at Lambert's Point by shooting himself through the temple, was a former resident of Ettrick, where he is well known. Ill health, caused by overwork, is supposed to have been the cause of the deed.

**Personal and Political.**  
During his brief visit to the city last evening and this morning, Judge William H. Mann was cordially greeted by many of his friends. Though the judge, as he stated, has traveled over 6,000 miles since the 1st of May in fulfilling his campaign engagements, he looks as fresh as ever. He is thoroughly confident of his nomination, and this confidence keeps him in constant happy humor.

Harry St. George Tucker, has a great many friends in Petersburg, but there is no evidence of any organization among them to further their candidate's interests. It may be that Mr. Tucker will be asked to speak again in Petersburg before the primary, and that some steps may be taken to effect a working organization.

So far as can be seen, the liquor people of Petersburg are taking no part at all in the State campaign. They are keeping very quiet, and are not indicating how they are going to vote in the Mann and Tucker contest.

About 100 veterans of A. P. Hill Camp assembled yesterday afternoon on the steps of the Exchange Building on Bank Street and had their pictures taken in a group and in uniform. It is reported that all of the 200 or more members of the camp could not be present. The picture will be hung in the camp hall for preservation.

H. M. Cousins and family, of Louisville, Ky., who have been visiting at the home of E. M. Cousins, have returned to their home.

**New in General.**  
The Republicans of Petersburg have as yet taken no action toward the election of delegates to the State convention of the party. The city is entitled to four delegates.

James Mahary, negro, who escaped from Prince George jail several weeks



**FAMOUS DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION.**  
**PE-RU-NA FOR DYSPEPSIA (CATARRH OF STOMACH)**  
ago, has been captured and returned to the prison. He was caught near Blackstone, where he was shot and slightly injured in his attempt to escape.

The regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Sunday School Association will be held in Wesley Church to-morrow afternoon.

Mrs. J. D. Purcell and daughter, Miss Pauline, of Kentucky, are visiting Mrs. W. T. Plummer, the former's mother, on Lawrence Street.

The United States Army officers and men, after visiting the Crater and other battlefields near this city, disbanded this evening and will return to their respective destinations.

**Attempt to Shoot.**

James Goss, a white painter, attempted to shoot Robert Rowland to-night. The two men became involved in a dispute at the corner of Washington and Sycamore Streets, and Goss whipped a pistol out of his hip pocket and aimed at Rowland, who took refuge behind another man. Before Goss could fire Detective Heelan grabbed him and wrestled the pistol out of his hand. The streets were crowded, and Goss had succeeded in firing his pistol some one would probably have been shot. Goss was arrested and refused bail.

**SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY OFF FOR FISHING TRIP**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
HAMPTON, VA., July 17.—Secretary of War Dickinson, General Schofield, chief of staff, and Colonel Bailey, acting chief of artillery, United States Army, spent several hours at Fort Monroe to-day. The party came to Old Point on the Washington steamer this afternoon. Secretary Dickinson and his party left on the United States mine planter, Samuel Ringgold, for Fishers' Island, where they will spend several days fishing. This morning the secretary witnessed target practice at Fort Monroe.

**JOE CHAMBERS ARRESTED FOR THE BURNING OF HOTEL**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
STAUNTON, VA., July 17.—A detective this morning arrested Joe Chambers at Fort Defiance and placed him in jail here, charged with setting fire to the Seagrave Springs Hotel, which burned down several weeks ago. His wife worked in the hotel last season, and he is said to have been insanely jealous of attention paid her and to have said the hotel would never be reopened. It burned just a few days before the opening of the season. It was worth about \$75,000. Chambers is sixty years old.

**NEGROES COMMIT DARING ROBBERY AT CAPE CHARLES**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
CAPE CHARLES, VA., July 17.—A daring daylight robbery was committed in this town this morning in the store of Louis Bernstein, a clothing merchant here, by two negroes. One of the men entered the store, and under the pretense that he wished to make a purchase engaged Mrs. Bernstein in conversation, while his accomplice from the outside crawled into the store and under the counter. Grabbing a money bag from the safe, containing \$150, he darted from the place. Mrs. Bernstein, who had seen the negro leave the store, gave chase, with the cry of "Stop, thief!" and although a large crowd of people were soon attracted, and followed the thief for some distance, he made his escape in the woods.

**PLANS ARE ACCEPTED FOR RALEIGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
RALEIGH, N. C., July 17.—The municipal building commission has adopted plans by P. Thornton Mayne, of Atlanta, for the auditorium and municipal building. Barrett and Thompson, of Raleigh, will be associate architects. The building will be a three-story structure, of yellow brick and concrete, no tower or clock. The auditorium will seat 4,350 with movable seats in a space of seventy-five feet square in the center. Running out from this will be boxes and tiers of seats, one gallery and foyer, there being entrances from every side. All points in the auditorium will be reached by inclined planes. Bids will be called for at once and construction will be under way by September 1.

## FIVE GENERATIONS



[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 17.—The old man shown in the picture is John Reector, of Galax, aged eighty-five years, who is attending a family reunion here. The boy shown in the front is his great-grandson, Jack Reector, aged two years and six months. The others, from left to right, are Mrs. W. G. Reector, Mrs. J. C. Henninger and Mrs. S. L. Henninger, his daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter, respectively, completing the five generations.

Mr. Reector was born in Carroll county, Va., where he has lived practically all his life. Despite his age, he is almost as active as a boy and enjoys the best of health. A short while ago he climbed to the top of the 100-foot observation tower on Sunset Mountain, and suffered no inconvenience. The picture was taken on his eighty-fifth birthday. His great-granddaughter, Mrs. S. L. Henninger, lives in Bristol, Tenn. All the others of the group live here at 20 Reector Street, where Mr. Reector is now visiting.

## HOW TO CONQUER TOBACCO TRUST

Former Senator Thomas Proposes That Government Become Its Competitor.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, VA., July 17.—Former Senator A. F. Thomas yesterday made the principal address to a large gathering at a picnic at Bachelors' Hall, Lynchburg, Va., which was held in the interest of the Mutual Protective Association of Bright Tobacco Growers. He discussed the question of the trusts and the people, particularly the tobacco trust, which, he declared, had resulted in a system of slavery for the tobacco growers. He heartily approved the principle of operation, but pointed out the futility of private competition or co-operation against the trust.

He suggested as a remedy the policy which has been adopted by some of the European countries, that the government go into the tobacco business as a competitor of the trust.

Mr. Thomas made a strong argument in favor of this policy, and stated it as his belief that it would serve as a competent remedy for other trusts, as well as for the tobacco trust. His address was well received by the large crowd of farmers who were present.

## SHIP INSTITUTE CLOSES IN A FLAME OF GLORY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NEW YORK, N. Y., July 17.—The cruise of the Ocratoke, the Old Dominion Steamship Company's "farmers' institute ship," under the management of the Virginia Agricultural Department, was ended in a flame of glory at Williamsburg, in Mathews county, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and the missionaries Kolner and his corps of lecturers are now homeward bound.

The institutes held to-day were at Severn, Hicks and Williams—three of the leading points on Mobjack Bay and all in Mathews county. The institutes at Hicks and Williams were more largely attended than any held on the entire cruise. Many women being present, the lecturers were greatly inspired, and probably made the best speeches of the week. The lecturers to-day besides Mr. Kolner were W. V. Stowden, "Potatoes," Professor Johnson, "Trucking," Professor Helgeson, "Corn Breeding," B. L. Purcell, on "Dairying," Frank S. Woodson, on "Good Roads," and N. W. Nott, who told about the Farmers' Produce Marketing Exchange of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

At Williams, the speaker of the afternoon was Mr. Kolner, who spoke of the importance of the farmers' institute ship, and no lecturers on any subjects ever had closer attention.

**REPRESENTATIVE BROWNLOW WILL HAVE STRONG OPPOSITION**

BRISTOL, VA., July 17.—It is announced in a special from Johnson City to-day that Representative Walter P. Brownlow, of Tennessee, who has been elected to the Tennessee District in Congress for many years, will have opposition for the Republican nomination in the person of State Senator Samuel R. Seila, who was elected to the State Senate a year ago by an unprecedented majority from several counties of the congressional district. Mr. Seila's personal popularity and the fact that he is recognized as being in close touch with the administration is accepted as an indication that the contest will be fierce.

**Annual Bank Meeting.**  
CHESTER, VA., July 17.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of Chesapeake County Bank was held here to-day and the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Tucker K. Sands, W. B. Strother, E. N. Perdue, C. K. Davies, A. J. Hart, S. A. Perdue and W. C. Trueheart. After the stockholders' meeting adjourned the directors met and elected the following officers: President, W. B. Strother; Vice-President, W. B. Strother; Cashier, W. C. Trueheart. A dividend of 10 per cent. was declared and a nice sum added to the undivided profits.

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## "DRY'S" PETITION SETS UP FRAUD

On the Ground of Illegal Voting Bristol Election Will Be Contested.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BRISTOL, VA., July 17.—The petition of the "dry" advocates, setting forth the grounds upon which the local option election in Bristol is to be contested, was filed with the clerk of the Corporation Court to-day, and a copy of it was also filed in the Circuit Court at Abingdon.

The petition, which is lengthy, because of the numerous names it contains, sets forth two grounds upon which the contest is to be made. The first is that many persons whose names are on the list under each of the grounds. This list shows 170 alleged illegal voters, and in this list are included names of persons who had only qualified voters been allowed to vote the "wets" would have received 263 votes and not 433, as was counted to their credit.

It is understood that counsel for the "wets" will file an answer promptly with a view to having the case heard as early as possible in the Corporation Court. Many prominent whistlers were here to-day for a conference with attorneys, looking for strenuous opposition to the contestants' petition.

## JOHNSON CONFIRMS REPORT OF RESIGNATION FROM BOARD

NORFOLK, VA., July 17.—Comptroller Robert Johnston to-night confirmed a report that he to-day notified the Board of Control that he would tender his resignation to Council, effective about August 1. He gave poor health as his reason for the action. It is generally conceded in political circles that Mr. Johnston will be succeeded by William Hannan, Sr., who was a candidate for the Board of Control at the last election.

## DROWNED IN PLAIN VIEW

Minister Vainly Tries to Save Girl Who Dies Before His Eyes.  
OCEAN VIEW, DEL., July 17.—Attempting to wade across White's Creek, near Ocean City, Linda Meisen, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Oscar Meisen, was drowned yesterday afternoon in full sight of the Rev. Mr. Stevens, the Methodist Protestant minister from Millville, who tried in vain to save the sinking girl. The body was found about an hour after the drowning, which took place about 4 o'clock.

The young girl was bathing just off Stead's Point, and was told by some one that a person could wade across the creek at that point. She had waded out several feet, when she struck a place where the bank goes suddenly down into deep water, and in a moment she was over her head.

Her cries brought Mr. Stevens to the place, and he rushed into the water, trying to save her, but the water was so deep that he could not reach her, and the girl drowned in plain sight.

## UGLY; ENDS HER LIFE

Ninth Attempt at Suicide of Homely Girl Proves Successful.  
ST. LOUIS, July 17.—Weary of contemplating her homely features in the glass, Nellie Hopkins, a young woman who had left her home in this city some years ago, achieved unsuccessful attempts at suicide.

For her ninth and last attempt she selected a barbed wire and tried to work out her plan for self-destruction. Her sister, Mrs. Minnie Setzer, said last night that Nellie often complained because of her lack of good looks.

## PIMPLES

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## DESERTER, FREE, HURRIES TO WIFE

Man Who Ran Away to Marry Senator's Daughter Released from Prison Ship.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
PORTSMOUTH, N. H., July 17.—Charles J. Magnus, the first-class musician in the navy, who deserted from the United States steamship Dolphin to marry a daughter of the late Senator Gorman, of Maryland, was discharged from the prison ship to-day and left at once to join his wife, who has a home in Riggs Street, Washington.

Magnus was favored by the officers of the yard and the prison ship in getting away from the place without being seen. The usual procedure is to discharge the men at 6 o'clock and send them to this city in the custody of a master-at-arms. Magnus was allowed to quit the ship in civilian clothes before 6 o'clock this morning and to leave the yard by the main gate at Kittery, where an automobile was waiting for him. He came to this city and left on an early train for Washington.

No information was given out about his release until this afternoon, and then only the fact that he had been discharged after serving eight months of his year's sentence.

When he first came to the prison ship in November Magnus was given the hardest kind of work, and no favors were shown him at all, but rather the reverse. Later he was allowed to do much lighter work and recently he has been in the clothing factory.

## RAILWAY AGENTS ELECT OFFICERS AND ADJOURN

NORFOLK, VA., July 17.—The Southern Railway Agents' Association adjourned their eleventh annual meeting at Old Point Comfort to-day after electing these officers:

President, W. A. Davis, of Knoxville, Tenn.; vice-president, G. A. Barnes, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; secretary, W. G. Townsend, of Augusta, Ga.; treasurer, D. L. Bryan, of Columbia, S. C.; executive committee—T. L. Hill, of Birmingham, Ala.; E. J. Corley, of East St. Louis, and Agent McCabe, of Charleston.

## COUNTRY FOLKS ARE COOKING WITH GAS

Words cannot adequately describe what gas fuel has done for womanhood. It has opened up for her the ideal home with perfect service; the best living with ample leisure and opportunity for higher things. It has reduced the cost of living, and has made it possible for the poor to live in comfort and ease. It has made it possible for the rich to live in luxury and splendor. It has made it possible for the country folks to live in the city, and for the city folks to live in the country. It has made it possible for the world to live in peace and harmony.